

HOUSE RESOLUTION 408
By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lang Van for his
commitment to the conservation of our
environment.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
young people who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as
scholars, conservationists, and scientists of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Lang Van, a fifth grade honor student at Jackson Christian School, has
distinguished himself as one such noteworthy young Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Lang Van, through many long hours of research and writing, has earned the
opportunity to serve as Tennessee's Delegate to the Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom Kids'
Summit; and

WHEREAS, to gain this prestigious honor, Lang crafted an outstanding essay that
proposed an idea to save an endangered species, specifically the Northern Carolina flying
squirrel; and

WHEREAS, Lang's winning entry, which was entitled *How to Save the Northern Carolina
Flying Squirrels*, presented a real wildlife conservation problem and proposed a viable solution
thereto based on careful research, logical thinking, and citizen involvement; and

WHEREAS, Lang's parents, Don and Mai Van, are justifiably proud of their son and his
impressive achievement as a budding conservationist and scientist; and

WHEREAS, Lang Van is to be commended for tackling a complex and controversial
environmental issue and proposing a viable common sense, yet scientifically sound, solution
thereto; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Lang Van for his dedication to Tennessee's environment and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Lang Van for his ongoing commitment to the conservation and preservation of our environment, especially wildlife, thank him for demonstrating so vividly to us that each citizen in our society can help to solve problems by proposing solutions that involve all of us, and extend to this exceptional young man our best wishes for every success at the Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom Kids' Summit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join with the citizens of Jackson and Madison County in celebrating "Lang Van Day" and encourage all Tennesseans to do likewise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.